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- The Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 is more transmissible but it can't be speculated that it can give rise to the third COVID-19 wave in India itself, the government said.
- The Crime Branch of the Delhi Police has summoned Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot's officer-on-special-duty (OSD), Lokesh Sharma, in connection with the phone tapping case.
- A boy from Lamberi village found two radio sets and one round of ammunition of AK-47 near LoC in J&K's Rajouri district which he handed over to Army.
- At least 129 people died due to flooding and landslides caused by heavy rain in Maharashtra in the last 48 hours, said a state disaster management department official.
- A virtual court for settling traffic challans has been set up in UP's Gautam Buddha Nagar for the first time.
- Goa is seeing its worst floods in decades that damaged homes and property worth crores, and forced the evacuation of more than 400 people.
- The UP Police seized the statues of late MP Phoolan Devi from Varanasi and Mirzapur and did not allow Bihar Minister Mukesh Sahani's party VIP to hold its proposed meeting.
- A 75-year-old autorickshaw driver and a 34-year-old pedestrian suffered injuries after a tree fell opposite KEM Hospital in Pune's Rasta Peth.
- Three police officers, including a female officer, were suspended on charges of booking a false case against a man in Bengaluru following an internal inquiry.
- The family members of a patient allegedly assaulted a doctor and two nurses after they were asked to shift the patient to another hospital in West Bengal's Murshidabad district.
- Construction work on the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIAL), which is now under the management of Adani Group, is expected to begin from August.
- The Bihar government is working to facilitate the formation of self-help groups (SHGs) for transgender persons in the state, officials said. "This way we will be able to provide them financial support."

- **Bridgestone's 'Chase Your Dream' campaign calls out a billion cricket fans to support and cheer for Indian athletes who are chasing their dreams and bringing laurels to the nation.**
- **Zomato's market value crossed ₹1 lakh crore within minutes after its listing on stock exchanges .**

### INTERNATIONAL

- **A 102-year-old Russian World War 2 veteran, who was hospitalised with 80% lung damage after getting COVID-19, has recovered after spending over a month in the hospital.**
- **The European Medicines Agency (EMA) on Friday approved Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 12 to 17.**
- **Bharat Biotech on Friday announced that it has terminated its agreement with Brazil's Precisa Medicamentos and Envixia Pharmaceuticals for Covaxin.**
- **The US has said that it carried out air strikes across Afghanistan in the last several days to support the Afghan security forces fighting Taliban.**
- **Russian investigators have said that they found a gold toilet and other luxuries at the mansion of Col Alexei Safonov, head of traffic police in the southern Stavropol region, during a raid.**
- **US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will visit India on July 27-28 in his first visit to the country since assuming office.**
- **Bangladesh on Friday reimposed a lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19 until August 5, the government announced.**
- **Vaccinated individuals account for nearly 75% of the 1,096 locally transmitted COVID-19 cases in the last four weeks in Singapore, according to government data.**
- **Uganda has included herbal remedies as one of its recommended treatments for COVID-19 despite not completing the clinical trials. In June, Uganda had approved Covidex, a herbal medicine, for emergency use.**
- **Pakistan on Friday surpassed 10 lakh COVID-19 cases, becoming the 30th country to do so.**
- **The Taliban said that there won't be peace in Afghanistan until there is a new negotiated government in Kabul and President Ashraf Ghani is removed.**